



MINUTES

Service Committee of the Legislative Council

January 19, 2011 First Meeting of the 2011-2012 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Michael E. Gronstal,
Chairperson
Senator John P. (Jack) Kibbie
Senator Paul McKinley

Speaker Kraig Paulsen,
Vice Chairperson
Representative Kevin M. McCarthy
Representative Linda L. Upmeyer

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business
- II. Personnel Reports
- III. Appointment of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman
- IV. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency



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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. Temporary Chairperson Senator Michael E. Gronstal called the January 19, 2011, meeting of the Service Committee of the Legislative Council to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 102 of the State Capitol.

Committee Business. Upon motion by Senator John P. (Jack) Kibbie, the Committee elected Senator Gronstal as Chairperson by voice vote. Upon motion by Speaker Kraig Paulsen, the Committee approved the minutes from the June 9, 2010, meeting of the Committee by voice vote.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

II. Personnel Reports

Mr. Glen Dickinson, Director of the Legislative Services Agency, presented the personnel report for the Legislative Services Agency. Ms. Ruth Cooperrider, Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, presented the personnel report for the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman. The reports propose two-step promotions and one-step merit increases for employees of both agencies, to be implemented immediately or on specified dates, and propose director discretion in awarding merit step (catch-up) increases for certain employees in June 2011. Upon motions by Speaker Paulsen, the Committee approved the reports as presented.

III. Appointment of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman

Upon motion by Senator Kibbie, the Committee, by voice vote, recommended that Ms. Ruth Cooperrider, current Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, be appointed Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2011, effective upon Senate and House approval and confirmation of the appointment by resolution, with her salary set at grade 45, step 5, immediately, in recognition of her acting status since June 2010.

IV. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency

January 2011 Personnel Reports from the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

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